

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0500-0614

Case Title:

Village of Crestwood, IL

Reporting Office:

Chicago, IL, Area Office

Subject of Report:

Telephone Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on June 25, 2009

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SA
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Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SAC
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SYNOPSIS

06/25/2009 - On June 25, 2009, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed via telephone. (b) (6), (b) (7) provided details regarding the LMO reports that were prepared by Burke Engineering on behalf of the Village of Crestwood, IL.

DETAILS

On June 25, 2009, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by this reporting agent (RA), Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division, via telephone. This interview was conducted during the execution of a federal search warrant at Burke Engineering (Burke) in Orland Park, IL. At the time of this telephone conversation, (b) (6), (b) (7) was at (b) (6) home in Chesterton, IN.

RA advised (b) (6), (b) (7) that agents from the EPA were at (b) (6) business to execute a search warrant, and to collect records relating to work completed by Burke for the Village of Crestwood, IL. These documents would focus on Crestwood's use of a drinking water well. (b) (6), (b) (7) indicated that he understood, and that (b) (6) and (b) (6) company would cooperate fully with investigators.

In summary and not verbatim unless otherwise noted, (b) (6), (b) (7) provided the following information:

(b) (6), (b) (7) indicated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), were both in Arkansas at their vacation homes. (b) (6), (b) (7) further advised RA that (b) (6) would be at the Burke facility by 2 p.m.

(b) (6), (b) (7) stated that (b) (6) has held a leadership position at Burke since the 1990s. Typically, (b) (6), (b) (7) does not handle municipal projects, but focuses more on private development projects.

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(b) (6), (b) (7) is aware that Burke was responsible for preparing a variety of reports for municipalities, including LMO forms, which require data regarding Lake Michigan and well water use. (b) (6), (b) (7) indicated that both this (b) (6), (b) (7) along with other Burke employees working at this (b) (6), (b) (7) direction, have prepared such reports for Crestwood. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that he is aware that Burke received a letter from Crestwood's attorneys advising Burke to retain records relating to Crestwood, but that (b) (6), (b) (7) has not reviewed documents relating to Crestwood.

(b) (6), (b) (7) did indicate that (b) (6), (b) (7) has talked with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about the work that was completed for Crestwood. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that former Crestwood Mayor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has a history of doing things (b) (6), (b) (7) own way", and that the forms that were filled out by Burke employees are an example of this. (b) (6), (b) (7) believes that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was instructed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as to how the forms should be completed, with respect to omitting well use. (b) (6), (b) (7) went on to state that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never knew about any contamination in the well in Crestwood.

(b) (6), (b) (7) was unclear as to why the well should not have been in use. (b) (6), (b) (7) questioned whether the problem came from an agreement with Alsip to purchase Lake Michigan water from them, or another issue. (b) (6), (b) (7) admitted that (b) (6), (b) (7) did not fully understand the problem.

(b) (6), (b) (7) again stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) worked at the direction of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and would not have implemented such a plan on (b) (6), (b) (7) own. (b) (6), (b) (7) indicated that, during the years that Burke was completing the LMO forms for Crestwood, they had an annual income of nearly \$4 million. (b) (6), (b) (7) indicated that they were billing Crestwood around \$400 to complete the LMO forms. (b) (6), (b) (7) asked, "Why jeopardize all of that for \$400?"

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